

- This is demanding and dangerous work. Admiral Turner has brought to the White House ^{to meet with me} some of your employees who have served particularly well and have suffered from duties under hazardous situations abroad. I have been impressed with their professionalism and serious dedication.
- The work all of you do is appreciated. More than that, it is a necessary ingredient if we are successfully to approach the complexities we face.
- This applies to the full range of work which you perform. There is much interest in your political analysis, your crop and energy forecasts, your technical reporting, and in the reports of individual human assets such as those which have been vital in making clear the true dimensions of the disruptive Cuban effort in Africa.
- Your intelligence product helps me do my job and I am grateful for what you produce.
- I am aware that intelligence work is often misunderstood and unfairly criticized.

Welcoming Remarks for the DCI on the Occasion of
the President's Visit to CIA Headquarters, August 1978

Mr. President,

On behalf of all of the ladies and gentlemen of the
Central Intelligence Agency -- welcome.

And Mr. President, it is my privilege to be able to
present to you the able and dedicated people of what I
believe to be the world's finest intelligence organization.
In all candor, I didn't realize just how good CIA is until
I became part of it a year and a half ago. That
revelation is among the most delightful of my entire
career in government service. I cannot praise the
dedication and professionalism of these people enough.

We are, of course, honored by your visit here and
by the fact that you would take the time from your heavy
responsibilities to ~~share some time~~ ^{exchange views} with us.

But more than that. We all recall your promise on
your last visit here to provide the American people with
an accurate assessment of our intelligence activities.

Mr. President, we welcome your assessment. We are proud of the way we conduct our business -- effectively and honestly *and with dedication to our nations goals.*

We are proud of our role as the only independent intelligence agency responsible directly to you and the National Security Council, *we are proud of the high moral and professional standards being maintained here.* ~~and we are dedicated to your service.~~ *and we are proud of the quality and independence of our intelligence assessments.*

You know the value of our business and how well it is performed better than anybody else. I speak for all the people of CIA when I say sincerely how delighted I am to have you with us today. You are the ~~one~~ person ~~in the world~~ most able to evaluate and appreciate our performance.

Again, welcome, and thank you for being here.